



Punching the U.S. Military's "Soft Ribs": *China's ASAT Test in Strategic Perspective*

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Dr. Tellis discusses the strategic logic behind China's Anti-Satellite Test and argues that China's counterspace programs are part of a considered Chinese strategy designed to counter the overall military capability of the United States by attacking its relatively vulnerable eyes, ears and voice. This study also surveys the emerging contours of China's counterspace programs and their implications for the United States, suggesting that China will not trade away its counterspace capabilities for any arms-control regime.

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